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| **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL** | |

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| Application Number | 10/502,402 |
| Confirmation Number | 5366 |
| Filing Date | July 26, 2004 |
| First Named Inventor | Eiichi SOGA |
| Group Art Unit | 3683 |
| Examiner Name | Thomas J. Williams |
| Matter Number | Q82699 |

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

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| Title | CLOSED-END TYPE COIL SPRING WITH DECREASED INITIAL DEFLECTION |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted
  i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
  ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
  iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☑ Enclosed
  i. ☑ Amendment/Reply
  ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
  iv. ☑ Petition for Extension of Time
  v. ☐ Other _____

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months

b. ☐ Other _____

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of $790.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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| Name | Brian K. Shelton | Registration No. 50,245 |
| Signature | *(signature)* | Date June 14, 2006 |